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FOR: TOOL HANGER

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the following paragraph, requested by previous amendment to be entered on page 4 prior to line 1:

~~Portable tools are subject to such forces or stresses that hanger connection at only one point frequently leads to movement, rotation, and premature failure of the hanger. In addition, movement or rotation of the hanger can result in difficulty in tool reloading or insufficient or inferior air supply, in the case of pneumatic tools. Hangers connected at two or more points, or connected by means of a non-circular aperture matching or fitted to a non-circular fitting of the tool are unable to rotate, and therefore safer, more convenient for the user, and more likely to last longer.~~

Please delete the following paragraph, requested by previous amendment to be entered on page 7 following line 11:

~~The specific dimensions of a particular tool hanger would normally take into account such factors as the dimensions of the tool itself, the location on the body of the tool to which the hanger is connected, the weight and center of gravity of the tool, the locations where the tool would be used, and the locations from which the tool might be suspended, such as wooden joists, in the case of tools used for construction. Therefore, specific dimensions of the hanger disclosed herein will vary greatly depending on the above factors.~~

Please delete the following paragraph, requested by previous amendment to be entered on page 9, following line 12 thereof:

~~FIG 7 is a perspective view of the first embodiment of the instant invention in combination with a tool, where the instant invention is attached to the outside of the tool's end cap.~~

Please amend the following two paragraphs requested by previous amendment to be entered on page 9, beginning at line 20 on page 2 of the Amendment, as shown below:

FIG. ~~[[8]]~~ 7 is a perspective view of a fourth embodiment of the instant invention.

FIG. ~~[[9]]~~ 8 is a perspective view of the fourth embodiment of the instant invention in combination with a tool.

Please delete the following two paragraphs, requested by previous amendment to be entered on page 10:

~~As illustrated in FIG 7, the hanger for tools 8 comprises a secure hanger for a tool that would enable the tool to be safely hung on a ladder, a rafter, or even the user's belt.~~

~~In use, the user would remove the bolts 26a, 26b, and 26c from the tool 28. The user would add the instant invention 8. Then the user would use the bolts 26a, 26b, and 26c to make the instant invention 8 completely secure to the tool 28.~~

Please amend the paragraph requested by previous amendment to be entered on page 10, beginning at line 14 on page 3 of the Amendment, as shown below:

As illustrated in FIGS ~~8 and 9~~ 7 and 8, the hanger for tools 48 comprises a secure hanger for a tool that would enable the tool to be safely hung on a ladder, a rafter, or even the user's belt. The present invention 48 comprises a vertically oriented portion 50 and a horizontally oriented portion 52 joined together at a bend 54. The horizontally oriented portion 52 has a noncircular aperture 56 there through disposed. The noncircular aperture 56 is so dimensioned so as to achieve a secure fit over a protrusion 68 that extends from the end cap 62 of the tool 58.

Please amend the paragraph requested by previous amendment to be entered on page 10, beginning at line 21 on page 3 of the Amendment, as shown below:

In use, the noncircular aperture 56 permits secure connection to the end cap 62. The user would place the instant invention 48 over the end cap 62. Then the user would use ~~noncircular~~ spacer 64 and washer 66 to secure the instant invention 48 to the end cap 62. Finally, the user would add the air fitting 22 to the end cap 62 to secure the hanger, and thereby prevent movement of the instant invention 48 in any direction relative to the tool 58.

Please amend the paragraph on page 10, beginning at line 5, as shown below:

As illustrated in FIGS. 1 through 4, the hanger for tools 8 comprises a secure hanger for a tool that would enable the tool to be safely hung on a ladder, a rafter, or even the user's belt. The present invention comprises ~~an L-shaped hook portion 10~~ having a vertically oriented portion 12 and a horizontally oriented portion 14 joined together at a bend 16. The horizontally oriented portion 14 has a central aperture 18 there through disposed inwardly of a specifically shaped portion 20 thereof. The aperture 18 is dimensioned for fitting over a pneumatic air fitting 22. The specifically shaped portion 20 also consists of a multitude of apertures 24a, 24b, and 24c permitting bolts 26a, 26b, and 26c to pass through.